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DATE: July 19, 1968

SUBJECT : Washington Correspondent of "Die Presse"

REF :

1. In the course of an introductory courtesy call on Dr. Schulmeister, the Editor-in-Chief of independent DIE PRESSE, the IO discussed Marlene Manthey, DIE PRESSE's Washington correspondent.

2. Schulmeister volunteered the following observations:

He is aware of intermittent displeasure on the Embassy's part about Mrs. Manthey's style of reporting and the content of her stories. However that may be, Mrs. Manthey is the one and only correspondent DIE PRESSE has in the United States and by and large, Schulmeister said, he is satisfied with her work. "Of course she sometimes makes mistakes as we all do," Schulmeister said.

3. When the IO pointed out "the mistakes" in the recent Berlin story, Schulmeister expressed his regrets and said he would try to avoid a recurrence.

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